

## Reference

### On the programs financed by the Swiss Cooperation Office (SDC) and implemented jointly with the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration

#### 1. "Development of rural personal capabilities " program 4 (final phase)

Program duration	15.07.2011-14.07.2011
Programs budget	395000 Swiss francs
Programs' geography	Rural communities of Sisian region
The company implementing the program	"Action against hunger" fund

The general issue of the program is to support the cattle sphere of Sisian region and promote and creation of opportunities for increasing income of farms of target communities.

The main objectives of the program.

- a. Increase the availability of artificial insemination services for the farms.
- b. Increase the production and volume of more nutritious forage.
- c. Increase the level of availability of dairy realization.

#### 2. "Cattle development in Sisian" program

Program duration	01.10.2008-14.07.2011
Program budget for three years	2.500.000 Swiss franc
Programs' geography	Rural communities of Goris region
The company implementing the program	"Agency of strategy development" NGO

The general issue of the program is to support the cattle sphere of Goris region and promote and creation of opportunities for increasing income of farms of target communities.

Main objectives of the program.

- a. Broaden knowledge and skills of the farmers in the field of keeping farm economies, business and finance planning and breed improvements by means of retraining, services of daily consultation and exchange of experience.
- b. Ensure assistance to the farm economies for availability of the services such as artificial seedling and breed improvements, agro materials and mechanization by means of corresponding measures of the program.

- c. Ensure availability of realization market for the farmers by means of creation networks with the producers and intermediaries, and assisting them.
- d. Ensure availability of financial services for the farms by means of programming measures, consultation and retraining, as well as information dissemination.
- e. To improve the quality of the services provided by the local self-governing bodies on the issues related to the economy development in rural settlements.
- f. Ensure equal participation of men and women in the program and to promote opportunities to be involved in profitable activities.

By the result of the two above mentioned programs, launch of the new phase of the program addressed to cattle development in Sisian and Goris regions is foreseen since July 15, 2011.

### 3. “Development program of rural communities in Meghry region”

Program duration	01.12.2009-30.11.2012
Program duration for three years	1.850.000 Swiss franc
Program’s geography	Rural communities of Meghry region

The general issue of the program is to promote stable economic development and poverty reduction in Meghry. The program is aimed at assisting stable increase of income of small-scale economies going in for gardening (production of grapefruit, fig and pomegranate) by means of increase of production profitability and insurance of market availability.

The main objectives of the program.

- a. Increase of productivity of farm economies by means of management and keeping farm, increase of farmers’ knowledge, utilization of agricultural materials, and formation of industrial relations on the contractual basis between the investors, productions and consumer.
- b. Increase of gardening productivity by means of ensuring seeding services.
- c. Growth of demand and cost for the market of high-quality fresh fruit and reprocessing, growth of demand for low-quality fruit.